

No law is better than a bad law and we have reason to believe that the Iowa nurses will withdraw their bill rather than accept one of poor standards.

MASSACHUSETTS. In Massachusetts the bill is again before the legislature the fate of which will probably be known before our next issue. We understand that some undesirable concessions have been made in this bill and we are inclined to think that defeat may be more to be desired than success.

INDIANA. In Indiana Miss Lizzie M. Cox, one of the Board of Examiners, has been appointed inspector of training schools, and will visit every school in the State during the year.

The law is being administered in a very satisfactory manner.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Examiners or Commission as it is called in Indiana, will be July 2, when officers for the year will be elected and a standard of education for training schools to be accounted in good standing determined. An examination will also be held at this time.

Miss Minnie S. Tye is the president of the "Commission" and not Mrs. Fournier, as we stated in a recent issue. Mrs. Fournier is the president of the Indiana State Nurses Association.

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## WORK OF THE RED CROSS

MISS MABEL BOARDMAN of Washington, D. C., a member of the National Red Cross Executive Committee, made a tour across New York State early in the month, giving addresses at Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo, in which she gave an outline history of the Red Cross origin and development in different countries.

In Rochester she gave a special talk to the nurses of the city upon invitation of the Monroe County Registered Nurses' Association, and the assembly-room of the beautiful nurses' home of the City Hospital was thrown open for the occasion. More than one hundred nurses had the pleasure of listening to Miss Boardman, who dwelt at length upon the importance of the nurse's place in the reorganization of the Red Cross Society of the United States. She emphasized the high standards that will be required of nurses who are enrolled for this service as regards character, technical skill, and health, and stated that it had been agreed that in case of war the Red Cross nurses were to be the army nurses.

Miss Boardman is constantly going about the country in the interest of this work, and we suggest that she should be invited to speak before nurses' organizations. Nurses need educating along these lines

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#### MRS. ROBB'S TEXT-BOOK REVISED

THE third edition of the text-book on Nursing by Isabel Hampton Robb will be ready for publication March first. In preparing this revised edition the entire material has been gone over carefully. The arrangement has been altered somewhat, Chapter II and III having been combined to form Chapter II, and Chapters XVIII and IX to form Chapter IV. Two new chapters have been added, and elsewhere new material has been submitted for old. The first chapter has been entirely changed. Instead of the schedule for a two years' course a suggestive outline for the division of work over the three years of instruction, which is made to include a six months' preliminary course, has been given. Fifty pages of new material have been added, making this book the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in existence.

This standard book is now completing its thirteenth year and is the recognized text-book in hospitals and training-schools.

Mrs. Robb has given very careful study to the revision of this book, and in methods of practical nursing only the most thoroughly tested processes have been given, particularly in the chapters on aseptic surgery.

The revised edition is published by E. C. Koeckert, 715 Rose Building, Cleveland, Ohio, but it can be ordered from all booksellers. The price remains the same,—\$2.

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#### THE VISITING NURSE QUARTERLY

THE second number of the *Visiting Nurse Quarterly* is very attractive, containing many reports and contributions of special interest to the district workers. Miss Johnson's article, "The Visiting Nurse and Acute Illness," is a plea for the advantages of keeping certain classes of very sick patients in their homes rather than to follow a hard-and-fast rule of sending such cases to a hospital.

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#### THE NURSING HISTORY

Miss NUTTING and Miss Dock are working hard at the "History of Nursing" which they are preparing in collaboration. The book will